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Honorable Michael D. Barnes  
House of Representatives  
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Dear Mr. Barnes:

I was pleased to receive your letter concerning the "Excalibur Award" and support your efforts to publicize the outstanding contributions being made by Federal civilian and military personnel. This Agency, like others in Federal government, has many outstanding employees who deserve recognition. I will give wide notice of this program within our organization and will provide you with candidates who exemplify the dedicated public servant you have in mind.

I commend you for taking this interest in the Federal work force and wish you every success.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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May 4, 1979

The Honorable Stansfield Turner  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
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Dear Admiral Turner:

I am writing to ask your cooperation and participation in an effort -- something I've designated as the "Excalibur Award" -- that I believe will help to improve the image of the Federal government. On a regular basis I, and hopefully other colleagues of mine in the Congress, would like to honor and give publicity to some of the outstanding contributions being made by Federal civilian and military personnel. By so doing, I believe we can help balance what, unfortunately, has become an almost constant one-sided attack on government operations and personnel.

Public confidence in our government is low, principally, I believe, because much of what we hear and read maligns government personnel. I, as one member of Congress, believe it is time to help tell the other side of the story -- the positive side -- of people and organizations in government that are serving our country extremely well. I feel the public also should hear about dedicated public servants whose efforts are making a tremendous difference in the quality of services provided to the public, the efficiency of operations, and the effectiveness and success of our scientific and technical programs.

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I seek your cooperation in the continued recognition of deserving personnel by providing information about members of your organization whose outstanding efforts should be considered for public recognition by the Congress and the American people. One-page nominations should include: name, title, grade, organization and location of the nominee; a brief description of the exceptional contribution; and the name and phone number of an individual within your agency to contact for further information. Nominations should be forwarded to my office to the attention of my Administrative Assistant, Keith Haller. Also, I seek your support of this project by communicating my interest in receiving nominations throughout your organization, and by your presence, when convenient, at appropriate ceremonies honoring those selected.

I also want to open the nominations process to the public. When a public nomination is received which involves a member of your organization, I intend to check with your agency for concurrence during consideration of a nominee's achievement. I have established a prestigious committee composed of individuals drawn from academia, media, private industry, labor and the legislative branch to screen all nominations.

I look forward to your help and participation in this project which I hope will contribute to greater awareness of some of government's successes.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Barnes

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